

REMARKS

Claims 23-35 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-22, and 36-43 have been cancelled.

Claims 23-35 stand rejected under 35 § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kawajiri et al (US 4,788,811).

Claims 24-33 and 35 are objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but are stated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 24 is directly dependent upon Claim 23. The entirety of Claim 24 has been incorporated into Claim 23, thereby placing amended Claim 23 in condition for allowance. Claim 24 has been cancelled.

Claims 25-33 are dependent, either directly or indirectly, upon Claim 23, as amended.

Claim 35 is dependent directly upon Claim 23, as amended.

Claims 36-43 are cancelled.

It is thus respectfully submitted that amended Claim 23 and its dependent Claims 24-35 are in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of Claims 23-35, as amended are respectfully requested.

A Request for Extension of Time to respond to the Examiner's communication is submitted concurrently herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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